

## CONSUMED FIFTY COCKTAILS A DAY

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—How she spent \$2,000,000 in cash left her by her father, the late E. J. Baldwin, was related in detail by Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker at the trial to determine her competency in the probate department of the superior court here today. The proceedings were brought by Albert E. Snyder of San Francisco, a son, who asks that Mrs. Stocker be declared incompetent to manage her \$10,000,000 estate and that a trustee be appointed.

Mrs. Stocker, when questioned by her chief counsel, Captain John D. Fredericks, declared that she had spent \$500,000 for diamonds, given another sum of \$500,000 to Gavin McNab of San Francisco to invest for her and had spent the balance in various ways.

When questioned about one item of \$400,000 in particular, and what she did with it, Mrs. Stocker answered, "I spent it, and I'm the girl that can do it."

Mrs. Albert Snyder, wife of the plaintiff in the action, and who declared she was the constant companion of Mrs. Stocker for ten years, followed on the witness stand.

Her testimony related the personal habits of Mrs. Stocker. She declared that the wealthy woman was a confirmed drunkard, and that she drank from ten to twenty Bourbon whiskey highballs every day of her life, and at times as many as fifty.

Mrs. Stocker awarded her estate manager, Walter T. McGinley, with \$50,000 for recovering diamonds alleged to have been stolen from her.

The plaintiff's counsel brought out this testimony, they said, in an effort to prove that Mrs. Stocker had evidenced her incompetency by giving McGinley more than \$1,000,000 in money and property.

### WAR WILL BE UNIQUE WITHOUT SMALLPOX

(Correspondence Associated Press) PARIS, April 28.—The world war will be held unique in the fact that it has not been accompanied by an outbreak of smallpox. This may be due in part to the precautions taken in urging all Paris to be vaccinated or revaccinated. At any rate more than 1,374,000 persons were vaccinated during the war, and only 56 cases of smallpox were recorded, of which 26 were fatal.

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## 60 BELOW ZERO FOUND AT OMSK

(Correspondence Associated Press)

VLADIVOSTOK, April 5.—Americans who spent the winter in Omsk, the headquarters of the Kolchak anti-Bolshevik government, say the winter was the coldest in the history of western Siberia and caused great suffering among hundreds of thousands of refugees from European Russia who have found temporary shelter in Moscow and other Siberian centers. They say that 500 persons were frozen to death in Tomsk and that thousands suffered frozen feet and hands. The temperature often reached 57 to 60 degrees below zero. Fortunately, little wind blew across the steppes but when the wind did blow the cold was intolerable.

The stoutest fur coat could not stop it from penetrating to the marrow. As if by magic, the streets became deserted. A new sun often had their cheeks and noses frozen and

their hands, despite woolen gloves and mittens, were always stiff and aching. Riskless exposure of the ears was always dangerous, sometimes resulting in the lobes freezing and falling off at the slightest touch.

Despite the terrible cold, the winter there felt buoyant and strong and usually one feels like doing extraordinary amount of work. The exceeding dryness of the atmosphere, the Siberian said, is conducive to long life and a sure cure for tuberculosis. Despite the rigors of the climate the people often live to be 80 or 90 years old. Nevertheless, the average American who had to spend the winter in the Omsk district as did some of the assistants of John F. Stevens, the American engineer in charge of the great Siberian railway, suffered severely.

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(Correspondence Associated Press)

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